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SOURCES:

✓ 1. The coast between Tallinn ($59^{\circ}26'N/24^{\circ}57'E$) and Narva ($59^{\circ}23'N/28^{\circ}12'E$) was a Soviet prohibited area. This area extended as far as the Tallinn-Rakvere ($59^{\circ}23'N/26^{\circ}17'E$)-Narva road along which off limits signs posts were erected prohibiting entrance to the road or threat of cover punishment. The prohibited area was guarded by a military patrol. Estonians in civilians said that shelters and defense positions were being constructed in the prohibited area.

✓ 2. Near Karku (about 15 km northeast of Tallinn) and Rakvere two separate sheds, each about 5 meters wide, led into the prohibited area. Three other roads also leading into the prohibited area could not be definitely located.

✓ 3. From the summer of 1946 to December 1948 building material and equipment of all kinds were carried into the prohibited area. Cement, hoop iron and lumber were especially noted. About ten trucks were observed every day carrying building material from Rakvere into the prohibited areas.

✓ 4. "Combine 7" was northeast of the railroad station of Narva. Soviet workers and employees of the combine were building a subterranean shipyard or submarine base on the site.

✓ 5. About 800 meters west of the Narva River on the site of Combine 7, there large sheds from which earth was removed in small trucks.

✓ 6. A convict camp where about 45,000 Soviet convicts were quartered, was also at the Combines. The convicts worked on constructions undertaken by Combine 7, according to a Soviet worker.

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In addition to the power plant, electric power station, coal storage, the construction of a large electric power station in Narva was planned. The construction of a large reservoir in the Narva River near the convict camp, on the premises of Combine 7, was also planned.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. Considering the channel conditions in the Narva River the construction of a submarine base in Narva is improbable. However, it is possible that a shipyard for light surface craft, for instance PT boats, motor minesweepers and gunboats, may be built there.

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